

Hongkong Telegraph



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL\$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP\$251,093.15

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 31, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.**

AUTHORISED CAPITAL\$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED\$1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

**INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS** at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 Months5 per cent.
" 6 "4 " "
" 3 "3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**

Authorized Capital\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Esq.,
Chan Kilt Shan, Esq.,
H. Stollmeyer, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parry Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. SOOMARBOY MOWJEE, being
about to proceed to Bombay, Mr.
CARMALEIGH HASSAM assumes Charge
of my B. SINESS from this date, and is
Authorized to Sign the Firm in HONGKONG and
CHINA.

EBRAHIMBOY PABANEY.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1894. [66]

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK BROUGHAM MAR-
SHALL has this day been admitted a
PARTNER in our FIRM.

TAIT & Co.
Amoy, 1st January, 1894. [58]

**THE IMPERIAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**WE have this day RESIGNED the
AGENCY of the above Company at
this Port, and the same is now transferred to
Messrs. EDWARD SCHELLHASS & Co.,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.**

Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [13]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE Undersigned has received instructions
from H. M. NAVAL YARD STORE-Keeper
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,**

**ON
WEDNESDAY, the 10th January, 1894,
at H. M. NAVAL YARD.**

**SUNDRY NAVAL VICTUALLING AND
MEDICAL CONDEMNED STORES.**

Comprising—
**OLD IRON, CHAIN-CABLE, PAPER
STUFF, RUGS, CANVAS, HOSES and
CLOTHING,**

Terms of Sale:—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1894. [63]

**F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MER-**

**CHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS.**

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG.

**SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMAN'S PATENT'S GENUINE
COMPOSITION.**

**HARTMAN'S GREY PAINT,
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES
&c., &c.**

**EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.**

REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1894.

Insurance.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

**THE LION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

**WE have this day been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, and
are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS at CURRENT
RATES.**

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [65]

**SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.**

**THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.**

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333.33
RESERVE FUND\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEL

**MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.**

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

Intimations.

**THE Undersigned—having been appointed
Agents for the**

**KONINKLIJKE PAKETWAART
'MAATSCHAPPIJ,'**

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to
Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coasts)
Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through
Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the
Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUREN WEGENER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1893. [1289]

**EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FROM the 15th instant and until further
notice the PRICES for the COMPANY'S
PRODUCE will be as follows:—**

FRESH MILK 1 Imperial Pint Bottle,
6 Cents.

FRESH MILK Ordinary Pint Bottle,
8 Cents.

FRESH BUTTER Per 24, 25 Cents.

**SPECIAL TERMS for yearly or half-yearly
contracts.**

A. RUMJAHN,
Secretary & Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1893. [1287]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED
5,000 NEW CHEAP NOVELS.

WALLACE'S PRINCE OF INDIA, author

Ben Hor.

A. J. Telegraph Code.

Gilkie's Text Book of Geology.

New Queen's Regulations.

All the Christmas Annuals.

Gentlemen's Brown Russia and Calf Walking
Boots and Shoes.

Dancing Pumps.

New Stock Solid-sole Tennis Shoes.

Also the Renshaw Shoe.

Association and Rugby Footballs.

Indian Clubs.

Chevalier's New Song, "Nipper's Lullaby."

New Dance Music.

**W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.**

Hongkong, 6th January, 1894.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST RECEIVED,
FRESH SUPPLIES

OF

CAPSTAN NAVY CUT TOBACCO 1 lb. & 1 lb. Tins.

WILLS' TRAVELLER BRAND TOBACCO 1 lb. Tins.

PIONEER BRAND TOBACCO 1 lb. Tins.

PAGODA BRAND TOBACCO 1 lb. Tins.

OTTO DE ROSE CIGARETTES Boxes of 100.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES Boxes of 500.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES Boxes of 500.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 29th December, 1893.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

**THE READING, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS** (Six English and American Tables are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—
"CENTRAL,"
SHANGHAI.

**THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.**

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

**F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.**

**DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.**

J. ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,

89, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [141]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW STOCK OF SADDLERY.

RACING GEAR.

STABLE REQUISITES.

**RACING SADDLES, WHIPS, BRIDLES, WEIGHT CLOTHS, SADDLE CLOTHS,
ROLLERS, GIRTHS.**

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893.

Intimations.

**THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILD-
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company, advertised to take place at NOON, To-day (SATURDAY), the 6th instant, at the Registered Offices of the Company, 28 and 40 Queen's Road Central, has been POSTPONED till MONDAY, the 8th instant, at the same time and place.

JOHN A. JUPP,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1894. [44]

**THE FUNJOM MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, Connaught House, on FRIDAY, the 12th day of January, 1894, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th September, 1893, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

By Orders,
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893. [45]

**THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE.

**THE BUFFET and the LADIES' WAIT-
ING ROOMS** adjoining, will be OPEN
to the PUBLIC in a few days.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [42]

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

OBTAINED 28 HIGHEST PRIZES
at the
CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR.

Improved FAMILY and MANUFACTURING MACHINES, Sold Wholesale, Retail, and on the Instalment Plan by

H. E. BOTTLEWALLA & Co.,
Sole Agents,
2, d'Aguiar Street.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1894. [54]

**THE PHARMACY,
25, QUEEN'S ROAD.**

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to
inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now
OPENED at the above address. The Store is
managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist
who takes every care that all DRUGS and
CHEMICALS, used in the compounding of
prescriptions, are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good
selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent
Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [38]

**D. R. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE.**

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS (TWO).)

**IS the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the
Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.**

**"DERMATOL" is the best Vulnerary; its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.**

To be had at every reputed Chemist and
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1892. [106]

**PRIVATE BOARD
AND
RESIDENCE.**

12, GLENEALY BUILDINGS.

Mrs. GILLANDERS.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [34]

**THOMAS GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)**

**THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
Private Boarding House—providing it be
first-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
per Menu or Order—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.**

**Monthly Board for One Person, \$25.00
Tiffin\$15.00**

**Breakfast\$0.50
Tiffin\$0.75
Dinner\$1.00**

**SPECIAL TIPPINGS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.**

**W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.**

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1894.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

**THE WARD ROOM OFFICERS of H.M.S.
"IMPERIEUSE" will not hold them-
selves responsible for any DEBTS contracted
by their Messman, AH SING.**
Hongkong, 5th January, 1894. [67]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE
MARKS of the CHU KWONG LAN
(朱廣蘭) and CHU YAU LAN (朱有蘭)
FIRMS, respectively, Manufacturers of TO-
RACCO, have been duly Registered in the
Colony, pursuant to Ordinance 16 of 1873 and 8
of 1886.

CHU KWONG LAN

**AND
CHU YAU LAN.**

Hongkong, 5th January, 1894. [68]

NOTICE.

**NGAI SHANG,
22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.**

RATTAN FURNITURE
of Every Description,
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

**Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and
Sundries of all kinds.**

Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [35]

**J. W. KEW & CO.'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.**

PURE

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times.

CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNT ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.

CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [36]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

CONFECTIONERY

AND

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER

SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAGEES, PRALINES,

and a large selection

of

PURE CONFECTIONERY

from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL

CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,

and other

FRUIT JELLIES

in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS

MOUNTED IN PLUSH,

representing favourite subjects.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,

The Hongkong Dispensary.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [5]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1904, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on board the R. S. *Corra*, on the 4th of December, the wife of J. MOCCA, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1904.

TELEGRAMS.

RIOTS IN SICILY.

LONDON, 4th January, 1904.

The troubles continue in Sicily and the island is virtually in a state of siege.

THE WEATHER.

Intense cold and snow prevail in London and the provinces, and also in Paris, Rome, and other places on the Continent. A blizzard has passed along the British coast and many shipwrecks have taken place.

PROPOSED INCOME TAX IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Democrats in Washington are proposing an income tax to make good the loss of revenue resulting from the reduced tariff.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE M. M. Co.'s steamer *Yarra* left Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-day, for this port.

"PRINCESS TOTO" will be repeated at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night, commencing at 9 o'clock.

A HONGKONG song bird. Mrs. Keller, has been giving concerts in aid of various charities in Bangkok, with great success.

PROFESSOR Nafaly's anatomical menagerie and panorama, which lately left Hongkong after a long stay, is now in Manila, doing good business.

According to Tokyo papers, small-pox is prevalent in Korea district, Kanagawa Prefecture. Over thirty cases have already been reported in that district.

In a cricket match at Bangkok on the 24th ult., the men of H.M.S. *Lizette* were beaten by the local XI, the total scores being 124 and 251 respectively.

LATEST Manila exchanges give detailed telegrams as to the settlement of the trouble between Spain and Morocco, which appears to be progressing satisfactorily.

"TRAINING NOTES" an article on the Sanitary defects of the colony, and other matters of interest are unavoidably held over owing to great pressure on our news columns.

THE Hongkong Trading Co.'s sporting calendar for 1894, for which we have to thank Mr. J. P. Cotton, the managing partner, is certainly one of the best we have seen this season.

H.M.S. *Mercury* was under orders to leave Yokohama, via Nagasaki, for this port on the 2nd inst. It is expected that the *Pallas* will be sent to Japan in place of the *Mercury*.

It is stated that Sir Charles Hantley, whose services have been retained to survey and report on the Woonung bar, will probably not be able to arrive in Shanghai until the end of the year.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding cargo permit C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

MR. YAMAGUCHI, a constructor in the Naval Department at Yokosuka, has received orders to leave for England to superintend the construction of several war vessels for the Japanese Government.

SERIOUS trouble is anticipated from a large number of *Yaku* who have lately left Japan for the "Yap" settlements in Corea, and whose rowdiness is calculated to raise difficulties between the two countries.

OUR Manila contemporaries, in noting the reports of the Marionette performances in Singapore and Hongkong, express their anxiety that the Philippines should not miss such a treat. We can reassure them—the D'Arcy troupe propose to pay Manila a visit shortly.

THE Silk Piece Goods Merchants' Guild of Yokohama is reported to have boycotted the firm of Rosenthal & Co., and has attempted to induce the silk weavers and dealers in the producing districts to co-operate with them in knocking out the objectionable foreigner.

DURING the wedding ceremony at a fashionable church in Harlem, when *Sister Siffings* Birdie McGinnis, one of the bride-maids, wept bitterly. After the ceremony Dudley Caneucker, who was present, said to Birdie: "What were you crying about, Miss Birdie? You were not the bride." "I knew it," replied Birdie, with a lump in her throat. "That's what broke me all up."At a Convention of special committees of all the local Masonic Lodges held in the Masonic Hall last night it was decided to celebrate St. John's Day with a ball on the 26th proximo. Mr. David Gilles was elected Chairman of the United Committees, and Mr. S. Hanish, hon. sec. that the Masters of Hongkong intend to make the monetary ball an unqualified success there can be no doubt for no sooner was the discussion of a guarantee fund moved than upwards of \$300 was offered, and there can be no doubt but that the \$300 and any amount of "haggle" would be forthcoming were it a *sine qua non* to success.THE *Japan Daily Advertiser* of the 27th ult., remarks with reference to the anti-foreign feeling in Japan:—"We learn that acts of intolerance towards foreigners are unfortunately on the increase, and it is earnestly to be hoped that either some improvement in the mood of the populace, or a limitation of the means to do harm may take place before life has been lost. It is a fact, we believe, that the houses of Messrs. Kirkwood and Brinkley in Tokyo are at present guarded by the police. It is not difficult to understand the hostility to the former gentleman, because on him the blame has settled for the *Chikuma* *Raven* affair; but we are unable to discover any stronger cause of complaint against Capt. Brinkley than that during his absence an article, (which he certainly would never have published), appeared in his paper, the *Japan Mail*, stating the Japanese Government and their legal advisers for the manner in which the action was conducted.""WOODEN."—You are not the only one who cannot grasp the point of a joke or the sting of a sarcasm; but very few people are honest enough to own up and ask for an explanation, as you have done. So we will give you a few. (1) The first noticeable characteristic of *King Porc* and all his court in "Princess Toto" is a morbid dread of "letting out," or unbecoming, lest the public should laugh. Well, the A.D.C. have the same failing, which they open ridicules. They hold up to scorn the same silly stiff nervousness which they possess. See? (2) The royal wedding business is a very evident caricature of the class that mostly marries into Queen Victoria's family; but the A.D.C. have (perhaps unintentionally) added a fine sharp point to the Gilbertian irony, by having the successful *millionaire* "Princess Toto" represented with a distinct German accent. (3) In our *critique* on Thursday we mentioned all the actors except Mr. Caldwell (*Prince Caramel*) and never gave him a word. Why? Because he is so far ahead of the rest that it would be as futile to name them in the same paper. *Toto*—so like this time.

FROM advertisements in the Bangkok papers we note that the new tariff for Press telegrams has been introduced there.

As the trustees' election seems likely to clash with the Mount Austin meeting on Monday, it is rumored that the trustees will divide their forces. Army Winkler and Chatterbox "Silfro" exhibiting at the former only. An anticipated chucker-out has been retained, and the closure apparatus well oiled.

FRENCH dandies are now going about with a novel scarf-cloth under their chins. The ornament consists of a gaily-plumaged single bird connected by means of a tiny rubber pipe with a bulb in the wearer's pocket. Press the bulb and the bird squeaks and waggles his head and tail in the orthodox manner.

THE British sailing schooner *Aurora*, 47.41 tons gross, was sold at auction in Yokohama by Mr. J. W. Hall on the 4th December, and realized \$3,000. Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co. being the purchasers. What price the fast and powerful *Manitara*, 75 tons net register, is presently enjoying a holiday in Cruseway Bay?D'ARCY MARIONETTES at the Bijou Theatre, West Point, to-night at 9 o'clock. On Monday a number of comic scenes and new monies will be added to the present attractive programme. As we go to press we learn that this afternoon's *matinee*, under Major General Digby Barker's distinguished patronage, proved a great success.HAVE you any idea, says the *St. Louis Republican*, how much a million dollars would weigh? Reference is here made to the "coined money of the realm," either gold or silver. If in gold it will weigh 3,686 pounds and a fraction. If in "70-cent silver dollars" its weight will be 56,931 pounds avoirdupois, or nearly 28½ tons.It is rumored, says the *N. C. Daily News* of December 30th, that Kong Chao-yuan, Minister-delegate to Great Britain, will leave Peking for Tientsin in a few days and, after taking instructions from the Viceroy Li Hung-chang, will come overland to the South in order to pass the Chinese New Year holidays at his home in Anhui. The embassy will start for Europe in May at the latest.

LOCAL aquatic "sports" will be interested to learn that at the recent annual Lincoln Rowing Club dinner Mr. F. "Percival" eldest son of the popular local Deputy Superintendent of Police, rower in this colony was presented with a gold medal owing to the able manner in which he "stroked" the "Tireless boys" in a successful contest with Nottingham's crack "four" over a mile course.

"What are you waiting for?" said a Canton lawyer the other day to an Indian who had paid him money. "Receipt?" said the Indian. "A receipt?" said the lawyer. "A receipt? What do you know about a receipt?"

"Spose maybe me did me go to hohem me find the gate locked; me see 'Pottle P'tery' he say, 'Jim, what you want?' Me say, 'Want (I get in). 'You pay A. that money?' What me do? I hab no receipt; hab to heat all over hell to find you." He got his receipt.

THE Editor of the *Japan Mail* (Capt. F. Brinkley) denies the statements that his paper has changed hands and that his house in Tokyo is guarded by detectives. He says that both statements are absolutely baseless. We are glad to hear it; Capt. Brinkley's sudden pilgrimage to North China in November somewhat upset our Editor's arrangements, and stranded his Highness High and dry in Shanghai at a very important time; however, the gallant Captain will have an ample opportunity of meeting and rebutting (if he can) the charges of libel made against him, early in March next.MATTERS in Japan as regards foreigners would seem to be getting really serious. It is not so very long ago that Archdeacon and Mrs. Shaw were greatly annoyed in the streets of Tokyo, and now we learn that the lady has again been subjected to brutal treatment by Japanese larikins. A Yokohama contemporary reports that—"On December 22nd, while Mrs. Shaw was returning home from the Girls' School near Toranomon in a *riksha* with a little child seated beside her, a respectfully dressed Japanese walked up to the side of the vehicle and struck Mrs. Shaw a blow on the face with his open hand, afterwards making an attempt to strike the child also. Fortunately the Archdeacon, accompanied by Mr. Ashmole, who were walking a little way behind the vehicle, containing Mrs. Shaw, and came up in time to arrest the cowardly assailant and hand him over to the police." What is the duty of Ministers representing foreign Powers in Tokyo in an affair of this kind? I suppose to our line of vision to be quite plain. "Young Japan" is evidently "riding for a fall," and the "crops," which must come, will be an expensive and unpleasant one.MORE "tall" opium cases cropped up in the Police Court this morning than has been known for many a long day. First of all an assistant comprador of the steamer *Huangshan*, who appears to have had a fireman and a cook in the swim with him, made his solemn before Mr. Hastings, and falling to explain why ten tael of illicit opium were found in his cabin, was accompanied by the placing of \$100 in the pleasant hands of the Magistrate, who "pals" being required to pay \$35 between them as the price of their freedom. Then an old night-woman was brought along, who had been caught in the act of smuggling 120 tael of prepared opium into the colony in her very own night suit buckets. In defence the lady remarked that she had come all the way from Samat-poo, and as it was quite evident that some one must have dropped the nasty drug into her chest receptacle in order to get her into trouble his Worship would do what he saw fit to do. The opium and allow a poor innocent creature to go on her way unmolested. His Worship, however, could not quite see it in that light and, in addition to confiscating the opium decreed that the misguided female should ante up \$300, or "go up" for a lengthy sojourn in the Abode of Bliss. Strange as it may seem, the merry Mexicans were promptly paid by a "friend." Then a petty Chinese mandarin, a local exasperator of the sort, was brought in to explain the presence of three tael of illicit opium in his belongings. The gallant "brave" was stoutly defended by Mr. Grid, but the extenuating yarn didn't quite wash with his Worship, who solemnly donning the black cap said—\$40. Fine paid, of course. Finally, the master of the *Wing Shun* junk was requested to toe the line, and after pleading the old whetstone of "no money" in regard to four tael of illicit opium of which he knew nothing, was again only requested either to contribute \$50 to the local exasperator, or go to for a spell of solitary confinement. His Worship the former alternative, and made a—be all over his weather.We are informed by the Agent of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Pasaden*, from Trieste, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.CALIFORNIA, says the *Commercial News*, has given the world over \$1,200,000,000 in gold, and in the past two years San Francisco has paid to the General Government over \$50,000,000 in duties. And what, queries our contemporary, has Congress done for this State in return?

BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd. (In liquidation) was held to-day. Mr. G. R. Stevens was called to the chair, and there were also present Messrs. D. Gillespie, A. B. Johnston, E. George, J. B. Connelley, E. Osborne (liquidating committee), C. George (liquidator), W. H. Potts (secretary), J. A. Carralho, J. Orange, A. P. Stokes, C. S. Sharp, Rustonjee, Burnie, Becker, Wegener, Held, and others.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, having been called upon to take the chair I shall only be able to supplement the liquidator's report with a few remarks. From the advertisements which have appeared, you are doubtless aware for what purpose this meeting has been called, and how the property has been done already. Full details of what your liquidator, Mr. George, has written from time to time during his visit to Australia, and his report declining his views, read at the private meeting on his return a few days ago, together with Mr. Henderson's report on our properties and machinery, and your liquidating committee's proposed scheme for reconstruction, have all been circulated already, and so it will not be necessary to take up your time with such matters. Gross mismanagement and reckless squandering (if not something worse) of our money, have brought us to our present unfortunate position; of this there can be no doubt. The value of our mines for producing paying stone I think is certain, so that if you pass the proposed resolutions and the company is reconstructed, I think it is certain that with honest management success should crown our efforts, and later shareholders should have pleasant recollections of Balmoral and the Mount Macdonald gold fields than at present possible. (Hear, hear.) Mr. George, gentlemen, did a great deal for us in the time at his disposal whilst in Australia; he looked into the workings of the property, and got a suspension of labour, and helped us considerably in many other ways; and I must say we all value his efforts very highly. The mismanagement and financial affairs of the company are still being looked into by Mr. George's attorney in S.dney. Before putting the first resolution I shall be pleased to answer any questions, and Mr. George will also address you.

Mr. C. George said—Gentlemen, in a few weeks I trust the New Balmoral Company will be successfully launched, and I should therefore like to-day to say to you a few words in addition to what has been said before you already. I have here before me a few copies of the Mount Macdonald *Miner*, a paper started at Mount Macdonald in 1881, when the gold-field had first been discovered. It seems that a newspaper and a public house are the first two establishments on a new gold field, but this paper, apart from containing daily or weekly interesting records of the splendid crushings, which took place at that time, also shows that at that early date already some influence must have been at work to destroy legitimate mining, for in several articles qualified experts set out there that Mount Macdonald is a good investment for capitalists, and that with proper mining carried on it would prove a permanent C.I. led-paying gold field, they challenge any competent man to disprove the correctness of their statements, and their warnings are directed against a certain class at work already then. These warnings have unfortunately come true. Our mines have suffered from the same want of ordinary care and management that has characterized the manner in which most, if not all, New South Wales mines have hitherto been worked. But a change for the better is coming and several properties within the same district as our properties are now yielding, or are on the way to yield, fine results with intelligent management. I had prepared a statement showing the faults of management and a waste of funds that had brought about the failure of the Balmoral group of mines, but after consideration thought it better not to take up your time in recapitulating facts which are probably well understood by all present. But here I may as well corroborate a statement made by Mr. Fraser Smith in July, 1891, which you will find reprinted in Thursday's *Hongkong Telegraph*. There is no doubt that the landlord of the Hotel at Woodstock made a large fortune out of gold taken from the Balmoral mine, but he did not state, what I subsequently heard on the spot, that he did so by sinking only 40 feet on a reef, that had plucked out, and came upon gold that yielded him according to his own account \$10,000, in the very shaft that we proposed to sink on the other side of the Company's property. Tributaries have been the benefit of our expenditure and labour, but they have not sunk or done any deep work, which requires outlay of capital. That is what I urge the Company to do for itself and I think there is no fear for the result. We never had one unfavourable report about our mines, private or official, and why should we therefore not believe in the future of our property in the face of the good record of the past? But it is not Gold does not fall from the clouds, but it is not up from below, and if the reefs that sink out poor, they must sink again at a deeper again at a greater depth. This is what all the experts and especially the last one, who so carefully examined our property under my own eyes, vehemently assert; I can testify to the existence of the reefs and to the fact that they are gold-bearing, proofs of which I have brought to Hongkong and which are here for your inspection. I remind you of Charters Towers, which was such an enormous gold field, turning out \$100,000 worth of gold per month, and which was in 1880 practically abandoned as no longer payable. New capital and careful deep mining has brought this about and as far as I am aware this field has not such a previous record as Mount Macdonald by a long way. At the start of our work we were told that we had at the "Selection Battery" a huge quantity of tailings; probably they were given to us as part of the purchase at the time, although they were not a long way from our ground, but after our own tailings at the Spring Valley proved a success, these others have been taken in hand by their original owners and he would of course not now acknowledge any other title to them. To give you another proof of what a valuable goldmine the Hongkong shareholders must have been considered by our friends in Australia, I might refer to the Selection Battery. At the time we started our plant, the Selection Battery was on sale for \$200,000 along with 100 acres of land on which are some old workings with a good gold record; it was offered to us after the conclusion of our battery for \$400,000 by

our Sydney friends. The owner would gladly part with it to-day for less than \$200,000 I think. Apart from the old machinery at the Spring Valley, which could have been made good use of, we could therefore have purchased for one third of what was expended on our plant, a most efficient and complete to be a battery. When we had to stop work on our Balmoral Mine in July 1891, we wished to let this property on a lease, and after repeated letters, to which no reply came, we are informed in a mocking letter in June 1891, I believe, that we were foolish to think tributaries could be got to work on such hard ground. As a matter of fact they have worked there before and ever since, making good gold, and I can show you a letter addressed to Mr. Clyma, shortly after he had received the Balmoral leases in his own name, dated 27th April 1892, in which a miner on the Mount offers to take part of the mine on tribute for three years. There was no need to let the lease run out and go to the expense of repegging the same in his own name. A few months more and the suspension will run out and if not worked our property will pass away from us. You have therefore either now to assist your liquidation committee in their endeavours to refit the Company by coming forward with your own suggestions, or abandon this enterprise altogether.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Johnston read the chief parts of the agreement drawn up for the transfer of the concern to the proposed new company. The shares were to be 50,000 of the nominal value of \$3 each, and \$2 would be considered paid by the old shareholders, who were to be offered 25,000 shares in all, namely two shares for each old preference share, and one for each ordinary. Any shareholder of the old company wishing to subscribe most apply within three months, and pay five cents per share. If no such application came in, the shares would be at the company's disposal without further regard to the old shareholders. The balance of fifty cents per share would be payable in two instalments of 25c. each. Dissident shareholders, if any, would have seven days time allowed for objections, and the new company could pay them off; but if the opposition should be too great in the committee's opinion, this agreement would be rescinded.

A considerable discussion ensued as to the time allowed for applications to be sent in a few shares in the old company were held in England, Australia, Borneo, etc., so that three months would not be too long; but that would be dangerously near the limit of time allowed for work on the property in a few days of the least. Mr. Rustonjee suggested that the time for applications be limited to a month, distant shareholders being notified by wire.

The Chairman undertook that the committee and the company's solicitor would do the best possible, and in the meantime he proposed the first resolution—That the liquidator be, and is hereby authorized and directed to sell and transfer the whole of the company's business and property to a new company to be incorporated with limited liability under the Companies' Ordinances 1865 to 1891, and to be named the New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, with a capital of \$500,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$3 each, with the usual power to increase and reduce the same. Mr. Coughtrie seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Directors for the year ending the 31st December, 1893, for presentation to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting of the Company, to be held at the office of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on Monday next, at noon:—To the shareholders of the Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited.

Gentlemen—Your directors beg to lay before you a statement of accounts showing the position of the Company on the 31st December, 1893. The Hotel earnings for the year under review show a small increase over those of 1891, but a much greater profit on the working, and had it not been for the financial crises in Australia and the United States of America, which stopped the flow of visitors through Hongkong to and from the Chicago Exhibition, we should have been able to place before you figures showing not only greater gross earnings but much more satisfactory results.

We append a statement of the Hotel's working for the years 1891, 1892, and 1893, respectively, showing, notwithstanding a falling exchange and other unfavourable conditions, steady improvement, especially when it is borne in mind that the figures for 1891 show only receipts and expenditure in respect of the seven best months, namely, from June to December, and that the receipts and expenditure in each case for the five least profitable months of the year, namely, from January to May.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Governing Directors.

LIABILITIES.
December 31st, 1893.
The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. Mortgage on R. B. Lot 64. \$100,000.00
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Limited. Mortgage on R. B. Lot 64. 30,000.00Sundry creditors..... 8,352.81
Debit interest unpaid..... 7,924.20
Debit interest..... 16,276.81
Capital account..... 203,000.00
Less amount of unpaid calls..... 2,760.00
Less amount of calls paid on shares..... 5,490.00

Suspended account—Calls paid on shares forfeited..... 5,490.00

ASSETS.
Mount Austin:—
Rural Building Lot No. 64 (including Farm Lot 54 R. B. Lot 64 and 65) and extensions with the hotel and building thereon..... \$247,080.00
Stock of wine and provisions..... 31,212.01
Office furniture..... 3,191.04
Sundry debtors..... 4,551.37
Less allowance for bad and doubtful debts..... 30.67
Fire insurance (balance of premium unexpended)..... 157.07
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Ltd. Cash in hand, uninvested tram tickets..... 195.41
Profit and loss..... 148,167.62
\$437,668.82PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
1st January, 1893.
To Balance brought forward..... \$137,520.43
" Crown rent..... 204.00
" Interest on premises..... 18,641.09
" T. R. S. 771.75
" Repairs..... 752.52
" General charges, wages, advertising, &c..... 17,577.76
By balance..... \$175,466.18WORKING ACCOUNT.
From the opening of the Hotel on May 24th to December 31st, 1893.
December 31st, 1893.
To cost of wine, spirits, beer, and water, &c., consumed..... 3,320.28
To cost of tinned and fresh provisions consumed..... 10,440.84
To cost of tramway tickets included in Hotel earnings..... 629.90
To wages..... 6,559.61
To charges (coal, gas, washing, and advertising, &c., &c.)..... 8,151.02
To Crown rent..... 147.00
To insurance..... 382.11
To taxes..... 376.26
To discounts and abatements..... 549.66
To bad debts..... 371.63
By balance..... 30,631.25December 31st, 1891.
By gross earnings of Hotel..... \$29,214.85
By balance..... 1,477.00
\$30,691.85WORKING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1892.
December 31st, 1892.
To cost of wine, spirits, beer, and water, &c., consumed..... 3,894.34
To cost of tinned and fresh provisions consumed..... 12,757.17
To wages..... 9,011.26
To charges (coal, gas, washing, and advertising, &c., &c.)..... 9,475.16
To Crown rent..... 294.00
To insurance..... 764.30
To taxes..... 752.52
To discounts and abatements..... 954.81
To bad debts..... 306.7
To tramway tickets included in hotel earnings..... 2,681.80
By balance..... 46,116.03
\$49,709.09December 31st, 1893.
By gross earnings of hotel..... \$49,709.09
By balance..... 49,709.09WORKING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1893.
31st December, 1893.
To cost of wine, spirits, beer, and water, &c., consumed..... 4,161.11
To cost of tinned and fresh provisions consumed..... 15,789.93
To wages..... 2,170.75
To charges (coal, gas, washing, and advertising, &c., &c.)..... 9,163.03
To Crown rent..... 204.00
To insurance..... 761.30
To taxes..... 752.52
To discounts and abatements..... 170.44
By balance..... 42,458.30
\$49,709.3531st December, 1893.
By gross earnings of Hotel..... \$49,709.35
By balance..... 49,709.35

THE TAUFER CASE.

At the Police Court this morning the hearing of the charge of assault against G. Tauffer, employed of 26, Peel Street, was continued before Mr. H. E. Wedderburn. As before Mr. G. J. Philippou appeared for the complainant Lucas Castro, and Mr. C. D. Wilkinson appeared for the defendant. The court was packed with Portuguese. The widow, Valeria Larcena, re-called, stated there were three in the room at the time the trouble occurred between Tauffer and the Castro brothers referred to in her evidence given yesterday. She had no reason to tell a lie about the incident, and the defendant, Tauffer, was just below the window, out of which witness was looking, when she first noticed him. He was alone then. His residence was two houses above that of the witness. The occasion referred to was the first time she had seen the defendant that day. Filomena Rodriguez, of 39 Mosquito Street, said on the 4th instant about 10.30 a.m. she, the last witness and one of the Castros were looking out of the window when the defendant made an indecent remark to her. Then one of the Castros, Tauffer told her to come out. He added, and was slapped by the defendant as soon as he got down into the street. Later on Lucas Castro, Tauffer's brother, was assaulted by Tauffer while he was walking, being taken to the

ground, senseless. Between the time when witness first saw the defendant and the time when Lucas Castro was killed the ground was about half an hour.

By Mr. Phillips: The defendant frequently makes intemperate gestures to Valeria. Cross-examined: She and the last witness were very intimate friends. I saw Castro in the room, but was not leaning out of the window. The little boy in the house did not join in the altercation with the defendant. She saw complainant struck down by the defendant, but did not see Tauler struck by the complainant Castro, in the street.

Boney Castro, brother of the complainant, said on the 4th instant between 10 and 12 a.m. he was in his house in Peel Street when he heard his sister shout out "Tauler is striking Lucas!" (At this point the last witness left Court in a hurry, in hysterics.) He quickly came to the window and looking out saw Lucas Castro lying on the ground near Tauler, and apparently senseless. Then Tauler tried to strike witness but he ward off the blow with a broom. He saw the stick (now in Court) taken from Tauler by the complainant. He also saw defendant adopt a dangerous attitude towards the complainant. The adopted daughter said to Lucas Castro: "You are not hurt. My father has, anyhow, enough money to pay for any damage done."

The witness was then cross-examined at some length as to where he got the broom which played a conspicuous part in this case, and which witness stoutly maintained belonged to his mamma.

His cross-examination proceeded with the case of the cross-examination issued at the instance of the defendant against Joseph, Lucas, Alexander, Boney, and Valeria Castro, and Mrs. Larcena, whom he charged with assault.

George Tauler, the defendant in the previous case, said he was an ex-convict residing at No. 64 Peel Street. On the 4th instant about 9.45 a.m. he went down to the Summary Court and on his way down he passed the house occupied by the defendants, who called him bad names. The fifth defendant called out to him "bloody Tauler." Witness took no notice of that but when he had concluded his business at the Summary Court, which was to get a Distinct Warrant on the charge for rent due, he came back. On his return the fifth defendant shouted a lot of bad names at him, and the eighth defendant called out fifty Portuguese names to him. The fifth defendant came down the street with a broom and a stick, and he struck him with them. A sort of scuffle ensued in which witness was hit on the head from the rear. He then backed out and put his back against the wall, believing that to be the best policy when pitted against the odds. In carrying out this policy, witness, of course, was in a position to see what was going on. He saw the complainant, who was with a broom and the other with a stick.

At this point the further hearing of the case was adjourned until Tuesday, the 9th instant.

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George Tauler, the defendant in the previous case, said he was an ex-convict residing at No. 64 Peel Street. On the 4th instant about 9.45 a.m. he went down to the Summary Court and on his way down he passed the house occupied by the defendants, who called him bad names. The fifth defendant called out to him "bloody Tauler." Witness took no notice of that but when he had concluded his business at the Summary Court, which was to get a Distinct Warrant on the charge for rent due, he came back. On his return the fifth defendant shouted a lot of bad names at him, and the eighth defendant called out fifty Portuguese names to him. The fifth defendant came down the street with a broom and a stick, and he struck him with them. A sort of scuffle ensued in which witness was hit on the head from the rear. He then backed out and put his back against the wall, believing that to be the best policy when pitted against the odds. In carrying out this policy, witness, of course, was in a position to see what was going on. He saw the complainant, who was with a broom and the other with a stick.

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LONDON, November 30th.

The Cabinet has resolved to ask the Crown to dissolve the Cortes.

OTTAWA, November 30th.

When the people of Canada come to know that the Canadian Pacific Railway is now approaching the Dominion Government with a view to getting an act passed through Parliament next session, guaranteeing the bonds of the company to the extent of \$5,000,000 at 4 per cent there will be a sensation from Halifax to Vancouver.

MOSCOW, November 30th.

A. Drosnoff, who murdered the Myor of Moscow last March, has been committed to the insane asylum.

LONDON, December 1st.

The Tehran correspondent of the Times who has just visited Kuchan, where there were great losses of life by an earthquake, reports that a heap of ruins, with not a house standing. Bodies are still being recovered, and the stench from decaying corpses is overpowering. Shocks continue in the hills to the westward. The adjacent villages escaped with little damage. The shocks were preceded by loud reports. There is talk of building a new town east of Kuchan.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that Patrick Reed, the man murdered in Dublin recently, was a Government spy and testified in behalf of the British Government at the trial of the Phoenix Park conspirators. The Gazette adds that since that time Reed has been an informer, and that connection has been clearly proved between Reed and the recent explosion in Dublin, and that startling disclosures may be expected at any moment.

ROME, December 1st.

The Tribunale di Commercio has granted the Credit Mobilier six months' delay without requiring it to call a meeting of the creditors. King Umberto had a long conference with Signor Sonnino on finance. The Credit Mobilier trouble caused a run on the Banca Generale to-day. All payments were suspended on the Genoa branch was prepared to-day on account of the strained condition of affairs.

VIENNA, December 1st.

Infidelity is spreading very rapidly. One of the Presidents and both Vice-Presidents of the Reichsrath are Protestants. The Prussianist is therefore brought to a close. Half of the Government officers are deprived of their staffs.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 1st.

Shelg and Floyd, the Minneapolis bank embezzlers, sailed for the United States on the steamer New York this morning. They are anxious to get back, and say they will make a clean breast of it when they get home. It is understood that they have already informed the officers where the stolen money is concealed.

MILAN, December 1st.

It now appears that the emigrants killed in the railroad accident between here and Venice were people returning from the United States.

LONDON, December 1st.

The Dowager Duchess of St. Albans is dead. Marshal Carrot has received a telegraphic message of friendship from the Admiral and sailors of the Russian fleet in the Black Sea. The telegram was communicated to President Carnot, who replied, thanking the "noble Russian nation" for its careful preservation of the monument erected to the Frenchmen who fell at Malakoff and expressing his personal good wishes for the Czar, his family, the Russian nation and the Russian army.

ST. JOHN (N.B.), December 3rd.

John Royd, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, died of apoplexy shortly after midnight.

ROME, December 4th.

The Journal d'Italia, referring to Van Allen's declaration, hopes that the President will promptly fill the vacancy, and recalls the fact that Baron Fava was promoted by Secretary Gresham that the legation at Rome would be made an embassy. Longer delay would not be in harmony with the excellent relations between Italy and the United States.

LONDON, December 4th.

The Geographical Journal publishes the letters exchanged between Dr. Nansen, now attempting to cross the Arctic ocean, and the Russian Admiral Makowski. One of these letters the latter says: "I agree with Nansen's scheme in the essential point that if he trusts himself to ice drift he will be carried through regions never before visited. Whether carried across the Arctic ocean, as he supposes, or along a parallel, as I believe, his journey will be sure to enrich science."

In 1894 an expedition of 100 men was sent with provisions to Franz Josef Land to facilitate the search Nansen should place signals along the route he follows like the *Jeannette*. Nansen's ship may be carried past several islands, and signals and all other means that may be helpful should be arranged on.

Dr. Nansen replied: "Whenever I am able to approach a coast, I propose to leave cairns in which records of the expedition will be placed. On top of each cairn, I shall put a pole with some signal, probably the Norwegian flag."

Ernest Jones, who accompanied the fleet of vessels to Yenisei, says: "Any reports of a mishap to Nansen must be unfounded. I crossed the Kara sea twice in going to Yenisei, and was only two days behind Nansen. Our voyage was a remarkable one. It was the first time that we were taken by sea to the centre of Siberia, and it was the first time ladies ever crossed the Kara sea. Our voyage was also remarkable in confirming the possibility of a sea route to Siberia. I am confident, from what I saw in the Kara sea, that there is absolutely nothing to interfere with Nansen."

December 5th.

The Sportsman's correspondent from Paris says a number of French sporting men have subscribed £4,000 as an inducement for Mitchell and Corbett to come to France and box either in Paris or Nice in January. The correspondent also says representatives are on the way to New York to arrange the details.

Lord Hawke, with the team of cricketers which visited the United States in 1891, will play the Philadelphia team on a three days' match at Lords, commencing on June 18th.

PARIS, December 5th.

The sensational trial of Baron de Rahdan, a Russian officer, charged with the murder of Lieutenant Kastenkol of the Danish army, resulted in his acquittal.

At the trial the principal witness against Baron de Rahdan was Herr Weiss of Breslau, the father of the Baroness. He was very bitter against the accused, and took no pains to conceal his dislike.

The Baroness is described as a very handsome woman. She is about 28 years old. All light and knowledge were shut out and she left powerless. I knew nothing more until I found myself under the care of the life-saving men. My companions acted as I did, and I sprang into the rigging when the boats went by the board; all had on lifeboats.

Evans recalled the names of some of those drowned as follows:

Baron de Rahdan is fair, tall and handsome, and dresses in the height of fashion. When asked to give his version of the shooting, Baron

de Rahdan said: "I was walking in the circus passages when I saw Kastenkol approaching. I changed the direction of my steps to avoid him. He followed me, however, and struck me with a walking stick. Then I fired. The bullet first wounded him slightly. The second bullet was a mortal."

The Baroness de Rahdan followed her husband on the stand. She was greatly agitated, and almost fell as she was taking her seat. She was questioned closely by the judge as to the history of her marriage and the domestic scenes immediately preceding the tragedy. She stammered out only short, incoherent phrases. The judge gave up trying to get a connected story, and the prisoner was acquitted.

ROME, December 5th.

The Riforma published a letter which affirms there are 40,000 French troops in echelon between Nice and Barcelonnette, with large advanced posts within a few yards of the Italian frontier. Along the same line France's forces are being gradually advanced towards the frontier. There are immense quantities of war material at their disposal, and they appear to be prepared for a sudden attack.

The writer calls the attention of the Italian Government to the seriousness of the situation.

BERLIN, December 5th.

The King of Wurtemberg is suffering from influenza and has been confined to his bed for some days.

The Landgrave of Hesse has invited and is now making preparations to receive Emperor William at the castle of Philipruhe. During the visit the Emperor will enjoy pleasant shooting.

LONDON, December 6th.

The report of the creditors' committee of the New Oriental Bank shows a loss of £1,300,000. Four directors borrowed £50,000 from the bank and only one of them lodged sufficient security to cover the advances. One of these fled to France and another to Scotland, where he died; the third fled up, and the fourth was not produced because the publicity of the affair would hurt the value of the securities.

STUTTGART, December 6th.

The Minister of the Interior, von Schmidt, is dead.

LONDON, December 8th.

The steamer *Nagasaki* reports that off Ushant she saw an unknown steamer in distress and started to her assistance, but before she could reach her she sank with all on board.

In the House of Commons the Secretary of the Admiralty, replying to further questions regarding the strength of the British navy compared with the navies of other nations, and the steps being taken to increase it, announced that two battle ships, four cruisers, two slo-p-of-war and a number of torpedo destroyers, in addition to several other ships of war now building, will be pushed forward with the utmost possible dispatch.

The House of Lords, to spite the Government in opposition to the amendment of Earl Dudley, providing a clause in the employers' liability bill, enabling women to contract out. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 148 to 28. In the discussion Salisbury declared that it would lead to hostility between employers and workmen and would result in the employers ceasing their liberal contributions to the workmen's insurance funds.

PARIS, December 8th.

An exciting scene took place this afternoon in the ante-room of the Senate while it was thronged with people. A messenger of the Senate, after an altercation with a waitress, drew a revolver and fired at her three times. The girl fell, seriously wounded. The would-be murderer was turned over to the police. The shooting caused great excitement in the Senate.

It is reported that torpedo companies are being established in the French army, according to the plan adopted by the Russians. The duties of these companies to land waters and assist in submarine operations.

THE LOSS OF THE "JASON."

On the 2nd inst. we published the following telegram, dated 6th December and taken from the Sydney Daily Telegraph—

"Telegrams from N. W. York give particulars of the wreck of the cargo steamer *Jason*, 2,181 tons, owned by the Ocean Steamship Company, of Liverpool."

"The vessel foundered near the entrance to Boston Harbor, and 26 of the crew were drowned. The life-line apparatus was used from the shore, but all attempts to throw lines over the vessel proved unsuccessful."

"We are in considerable doubt as to the identity of the wrecked vessel, as our information from Calcutta represented her as sailing ship, from Mauritius, with a cargo of jute."

The following details from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, dated Boston, December 6th are no doubt a reliable account of the disaster—

A heavy snow-storm struck New England yesterday morning and by the afternoon had developed into a blizzard. The sea ran very high and shipping had suffered much damage. During the hurricane the British ship *Jason* went ashore on Cape Cod, near Wight and Light. The crew of twenty-seven men, with Captain McMillan, took to the rigging and were swept away by the seas and drowned, save one, Samuel Evans, who was washed ashore by the tremendous sea and after two hours was resuscitated. The vessel broke in two and 13 ships and is a total loss. She was from Calcutta to Boston with jute. She sailed from Greenock, Scotland.

Evans, the survivor of the crew, to a reporter of the Associated Press told the story of the voyage—

"We sailed from Calcutta last February with a cargo of jute for Boston. Two days after leaving port we were nearly dismantled in a storm and had to put into Mauritius for repairs. During the gale our mate was washed overboard and lost. We came in through the south channel last Monday and shaped our course for Boston. On Tuesday the wind pulled around to the east-south-east, and at 9 o'clock snow began falling. We had no observations for two days, but McMillan thought we were off Cape Cod, and we kept on our course. At 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon we made breakers right under our bows, and a few minutes later saw land. We shook out our upper topsails and tried to drive by the cape, but had no sea room, and at 7.15 o'clock, finding we must soon strike, the ship was headed for the beach. The captain had been before examining the charts and on reaching the beach cried, 'We are lost! The ship struck with fearful force, and we all sprang for the lifeboats. Before we could cut the lashings the spar began to fall and the vessel to go to pieces. I felt myself dashed into the air. All light and knowledge were shut out and I was left powerless. I knew nothing more until I found myself under the care of the life-saving men. My companions acted as I did, and I sprang into the rigging when the boats went by the board; all had on lifeboats."

Evans recalled the names of some of those drowned as follows:

Captain McMillan, of Greenock, first mate Walker, of Falkirk, second mate Gilbrath, boatswain Black, John Callaghan, of Cork, Mike Mulligan, William Cotter of Queenstown, Jerry O'Hara, of Plymouth, C. Nelson, M. Carr of Portland, Or., Murphy of St. John's and Johnson and Hamilton of Sweden.

The *Jason* was well-known in the bay of San Francisco, though it has been some months since she was here.

She arrived at this port August 14, 1891, from Newcastle; England, with a cargo of coal, 6 ke, pig iron and soles. At that time she carried a crew of twenty-eight persons.

The vessel was in the command of Capt. McMillan, by reason of the fact that during a gale which the *Jason* encountered on her trip to Mauritius, Captain McGin had both legs broken and had to be sent home. The same gale swept two others overboard.

The lost vessel was 253 feet in length, breadth 36.5 depth 23.2. She was built in 1870 at Glasgow and was owned by the Dutch Royal Steam Navigation Company.

SIAM NOTES.

Bangkok, December 22nd.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Krabin Gold-Mining Syndicate was held at the Oriental Hotel last evening. Mr. Clark, managing director, who presided, reported that the London shareholders had agreed to the increase of capital from £9,000 to £100,000 shares to £20,000, in £1 shares, with view to thoroughly testing the mine. If the test proved as satisfactory as was expected this capital would be increased, every present shareholder being entitled to four additional shares, with one share already held. A few shares would probably be offered locally. A competent staff, it may be mentioned, is expected from home shortly.

December 23rd.

Five thousand cases of petroleum from Langkat, arrived from Singapore by the *Ulan* yesterday.

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December 24th.

Arranging for evacuation.—Recent arrivals from Chantaburi report that several additional buildings are being put up there by the troops, as though more men were coming to the place.

By consent the libel action brought by Mr. Gelst against the *Free Press* has been postponed to Friday the 27th January. The *Gordon* witnesses will be examined next day.

Advices from Paris state that the Comte de Plava, vice-consul for France at Rangoon, now on leave, expects to be appointed Consul at Kohat or Muzang Nua, shortly.

We have received a long letter from a resident of Sakarung, who begs to have it published, as he says there is no other way in which the inhabitants can make their complaints heard. They cannot plant any more rice because all the cattle have been stolen. There are robbers everywhere. The authorities do nothing, and even those who live near the Governor's house are robbed or killed, without any taking notice. He adds: "When the water goes down in the creek (Sakarung is on a large creek from the river) we shall not be able to live here, for it will be easier for the robbers to come to our dwellings, and the boats will be an easy prey for the robbers. We therefore pray that you will publish this, and beg the Minister for the North to send us some police to protect us."

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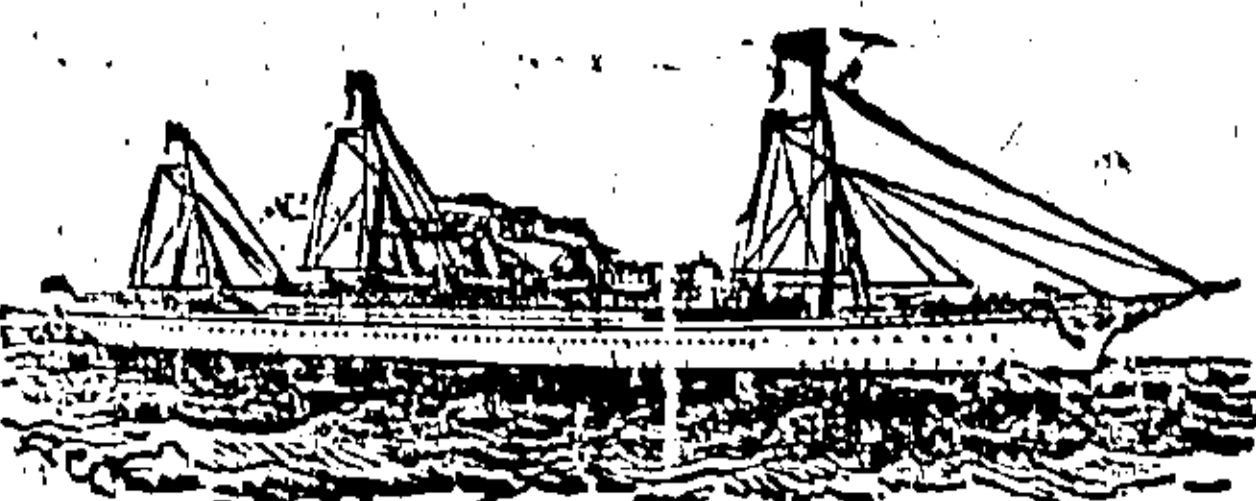
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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....Saturday, 13th Jan., at Daylight.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....Thursday, 11th Feb., at Daylight.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....Friday, 23rd Feb., at Daylight.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"PERU"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA & YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 13th January, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Oceania (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....Wednesday, 24th Jan., at Daylight.

Galle (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....Wednesday, 14th Feb., at Daylight.

Belgia (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....Thursday, 15th March, at Daylight.

THE Steamship

"OCEANIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Jan., at Daylight. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

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